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CLEANING OF LUBRICATING OIL)
OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION)
ENGINE)
EXAMINER: not yet assigned)
CASE NO.: 09796503-0155)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449 and requests that the Examiner consider them and make them of record in this application. The listed documents were cited in a communication from the German Patent Office in the corresponding German application (20213 786.4).

The copies of the references cited therein are enclosed herewith.

This statement is made in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure and is not an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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